METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
MANAGING DEFUNCT PROCESSES

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to managing defunct processes. A parent process
that does not collect exit information associated with a child process may leave a
defunct child process. A defunct child process is identified. The parent process of the
defunct child process is modified. The parent process can be modified by changing an
existing thread or instantiating a new thread to collect exit information associated with
the child process. Collecting exit information causes the removal of the defunct child
process.